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Attention: PCT LEGAL OFFICE

**Re: International Patent Application No: PCT/US98/19021**  
**International Filing Date: 14 September 1998**  
**Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING DIRECTIONALLY**  
**SOLIDIFIED CASTINGS**  
**Applicant: KABLOV ET AL.**  
**Applicant's Reference: RD-25712**

#### STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

Applicant filed a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 137(b) on June 14, 1999. This petition was directed to the PCT and filed concurrently with a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371. We received the return postcard (copy attached), stamped by the PCT/PTO, with the U.S. serial number and filing date: USSN 09/319,906 filed 14 June 1999.

We have not received any information regarding this national phase U.S. application and a filing receipt has not been issued. We hereby request immediate action on the Petition for Revival (copy enclosed).

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1 OF PCT INTL APPN, 105 + PTC 1449 + CITED PERS, ATTN C8PP, ABSTRACT,  
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